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Subject: Public Hearing Testimony for Bills HB 6962, SB 650, HB 6848

Good Day,

I am writing in opposition of bills, HB 6962, SB 650, HB 6848 all to be heard on March 11, 2015. I am a 62 year old female who has had numerous medical issues where I have even needed to use a walker for a time to get around the house. For me, bill HB 6962 is unfair and unnecessary since we do not have children nor do we have grandchildren that come into our home at any time. I can see guns being locked up if the person has children but if this bill passes I lose the right to defend myself in the event of a violent break in. I do not have the ability to run away from an intruder nor can I physically climb out a window to get away from someone. A crook is not going to wait until I hobble to the safe and unlock it to get a gun out to defend myself. To make me personally liable if a thief steals my gun against my will is totally ridiculous as the bill gives more rights to the intruder than the home owner. Since when do they have more rights than we do? I pay my taxes, work part time but yet if they break into my house, I can get in legal trouble if I have a gun available to protect myself. Even if I call the police at the first sound of a break in there will be several minutes before they get there and I could be dead by then. Then you lose a tax payer and a voter and you are left with the intruder to do what they want in the state.

On Bills SB 650 & HB 6848 I do have mixed feelings on them since during times of a restraining order tempers can get rather heated and more harm can be caused. I am more against it than for it since any person can claim that another is threatening them if they are mad at them for some reason and lie about the person with the gun. The bill as it stands is too general and should not be used as a tool for one person to get back at another person just because they can use the legal system to do it. There should be some type of proof or evidence that the person is a danger before a weapon could be taken away from them and not just a partner wanting to use the legal system as a way to spite their former partner.

In ending, I do sympathize with the families that lost their children in the Newtown shooting but I am tired of continually being held accountable for the actions of one person with a mental problem. When the towers were attacked during 9/11 all we heard was that it was the action of a few terrorists and not to hold everyone accountable for the actions of a few if they were from the same race. The same standard should be held for those of us that choose to own a gun. I did not know the person that did the shooting in Newtown but I am being continually penalized for his actions. I have rights as well, that includes my right to live my life without being persecuted due to the actions of another.

Sincerely,

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